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Rawlings Schoolhouse  
Route 220, Rawlings  
1870's

The public school system of Allegany County was established in 1865, but it was not until the 1870's that adequate schoolhouses were built. The Rawlings Schoolhouse was built in the early 1870's. It is similar to other schoolhouses built in western Allegany County at that time. Most of these schoolhouses are frame with german siding, a hipped roof and plenty of pedimented windows.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Rawlings Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Route 220

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Rawlings

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒

—OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

☒

**ACCESSIBLE**

—YES RESTRICTED

—YES UNRESTRICTED

—NO

**PRESENT USE**

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ruby G. Adams

Telephone #: 729-3574

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 5031

CITY, TOWN

Cresaptown

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21502

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 504

Folio #: 697

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE  
Maryland 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Rawlings Schoolhouse is located on the northern side of Route 220 in Rawlings.

The schoolhouse consists of a one story three bays wide "T" shaped frame structure with germansiding. It stands on a low foundation of rock-faced cement blocks that replaced wooden posts. The low pyramidal roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of a boxed cornice, soffit, and bedmould. Wall features include cornerboards. One of two brick chimneys is corbeled and located on the interior of the main block. The other is located inside end of the "wing."

The main entrance in the center of the southeast facade includes a door with original hardware, three panels, and one light. Windows are pedimented one over one lights nailed, in pairs on the southeast. A flat roofed porch is on the southeast.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The public school system of Allegany County was established in 1865, but it was not until the 1870's that adequate schoolhouses were erected. (1) " In comparison with other sections of the state, Allegany County was generous in its public support of education. "(2) Additional support for the system came from "concerned citizens "who raised funds to provide more comfortable schoolhouses. (3) " By 1881, every community had at least one public school." (4)

The Rawlings Schoolhouse was built early in the 1870's on land purchased in 1871. (5) Following the pattern for schoolhouse built in western Allegany County at the time, Rawlings Schoolhouse is a small frame structure with germansiding and a hipped roof. In structurally sound and original condition it stands as a reminder of the progress of education in Allegany County.

- (1) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press), p.109-110
- (2) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al. Allegany County - A History ( Parsons, W. Va. McClain Printing Comapny) p.263
- (3) Ibid
- (4) Ibid
- (5) Unpublished document "School Properties", Allegany County Board of Education, Cumberland, Md. p. 133

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1835-1910, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1969

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 968.29 Acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE June 15, 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE 777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE Maryland 21502

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

R 4

968. 39 A

STORIES: 1(✓) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) T

WALL CONSTRUCTION: \_\_\_\_\_

- (✓) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others cornerboardsFOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone verminulated cement blockWATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded BrickWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(✓) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged( ) nailed(✓) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment(✓)ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center SE 3 panel 1 light

HARDWARE: original(✓) replaced( )

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN no ped.

Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original(✓) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # \_\_\_\_\_

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( ) FlatCHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick(✓) Stone( ) Corbeled( ) original(✓) replaced( )

Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior(✓)

ARCHES: Door &amp; Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

USE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_



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RT 220 RAWLINGS  
USGS ANACONING QUAD  
1:24,000 1950

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RAWLINGS SCHOOLHOUSE

RT 220 RAWLINGS

DAVID A - Dorsey

11/20/78

SOUTH



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RT 220 RAWLINGS  
DAVID A-DORSET

11/20/78

NORTH